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San Francisco Wholesale Markets
USDA FOOD BULLETIN
From Federal-State Market News Service
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

DAIRY & POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter were generally freer at all levels, but markets at wholesale were still firm with no price changes. Demand is expected to improve this week due to reduction in point value, improved supply situation, and withdrawal of September set-aside.

Eggs - Egg sales increased last week due to curtailed government buying, use of storage eggs and heavier receipts from Midwest states.

Poultry - There was some increase in supplies of dressed poultry for the retail trade and a noticeable increase in offerings since the lifting of set-aside orders.

MEAT

Beef - Supplies became a little more liberal than during the past several months. Cow beef was the most plentiful, and steer beef was offered by many of the local coolers.

Lamb - A fairly liberal supply of lamb was in evidence with quality largely Good and Choice. The market was fully steady.

Pork - The volume of pork cuts continued very moderate on a fully steady market.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Apples and watermelons are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Gravenstein is the main variety of apples, with a few Bellflower and Jonathans arriving too. Watermelons are lower. Avocados are scarce and high. Cantaloups are in moderate supply selling at or just under ceiling. All varieties of grapes are in moderate supply at ceiling, or just under. Pears are in plentiful supply with best quality selling at ceiling. Plums and fresh prunes are in moderate supply. A few Oregon peaches are available now. This week will be about the last chance to get canning peaches, as the receipts are beginning to drop off. There is no change in citrus fruits.

Cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, squash and tomatoes are best buys in fresh vegetables this week. Cucumbers are slightly higher, but are still among the low priced vegetables. Tomatoes are lower and the quality ranges from fair to good. Celery is a little lower. Sweet potatoes are lower due to a change in ceiling. Snap beans are a little higher. Potatoes are a little lower. Onions are selling at or just under ceiling.

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San Francisco Wholesale Markets
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - In general, supplies at all markets were somewhat in excess. With the set-aside removed and outstanding commitments by creameries and dealers cancelled as of September 1, a sizeable volume of butter was made available for commercial use.

Eggs - There is considerable increase in supplies of eggs in retail outlets due largely to the heavy arrivals of cars from the Central West, and smaller volume of local eggs going to the Armed Forces.

Poultry - The arrival of several cars of dressed poultry from the Central West and reports of more to arrive, together with larger local receipts has resulted in an easier market. Buyers are once again becoming selective as to quality and sizes.

MEAT

Beef - More liberal supplies of beef were available to a broad inquiry. Quality continued fairly wide.

Lamb - All available supplies of lamb offered found a ready outlet. The general quality was in a somewhat wider range on a fully steady market.

Pork - The volume of pork cuts made available found ready distribution.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Figs, small size oranges and watermelons are the best fruit buys this week. Clingstone peaches are in good supply and lower in price. Freestone peaches from California are nearly through for the season, but there are some Hales and Elbertas being shipped from Washington and Oregon. Winter Banana, Bellflower and Gravenstein apples are in good supply, with later varieties just starting. The first Fuerte avocados are starting. Good quality cantaloup and grapes are selling at ceiling, while the poorer quality is somewhat lower. Pears are in moderate supply. Plums are beginning to drop off.

Cauliflower, eggplant, green peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes are the best buys of the fresh vegetables this week. Artichokes are now moderately priced. Snap beans, green onions, cabbage and summer squash are all a little higher. Radishes are quite low priced. Sweet corn from the Northwest is quite plentiful and a little lower. Dry onions are fairly plentiful. Celery is lower and now moderately priced. Broccoli, lettuce, Irish and sweet potatoes are all a little lower. There is no change in spinach or peas.

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September 18, 1945

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DAIRY & POULTRY

Butter - A combination of improved demand following the reduction in ration point values and a rather sharp decline in production and receipts in the last two weeks has strengthened the market.

Eggs - The decline in receipts of eggs at California packing plants was more than offset by arrivals of cars from the Central West.

Poultry - Most all outlets were well filled with dressed poultry this week due to continued liberal supplies arriving from the Central West. Buyers for retail outlets are becoming critical of quality and indications are that fresh dressed poultry is again being preferred in many retail outlets.

MEAT

Beef - A more liberal slaughter of steer and cow beef was very evident. Quality of steer beef was largely Good and Commercial with Choice kinds somewhat less liberal.

Lamb - A slight increase in lamb slaughter was evident. The market was steady to strong on Good and Choice, with Utility rather slow.

Pork - Fresh pork cuts available found a ready clearance on a strong market.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Grapes, figs and small sized oranges are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Figs are quite a bit lower than they were last week. Gravenstein apples are about gone, but late variety apples are starting. Good quality cantaloups are selling at about ceiling. Most of the available peaches are from the Northwest. Bartlett pears are beginning to drop off, while late varieties are starting. Plums and fresh prunes are nearly gone. There are a few persimmons and pomegranates available. There is no change in watermelons and other citrus fruits.

The best buys of the fresh vegetables this week are cauliflower, eggplant, cucumbers, peppers, spinach and tomatoes. Sweet potatoes are lower due to a change in ceiling. Snap beans are a little higher. Carrots, cabbage, celery, and sweet corn are lower. There is no change in artichokes, broccoli, lettuce, potatoes and squash.

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DAIRY & POULTRY

Butter - The butter market continued to strengthen as production and receipts declined and demands continued to expand. Supplies at retail in most markets were adequate to the rationed demand, but some dealers were already reducing distribution quotas, while others were planning to do so.

Eggs - For the first time since mid-April, receipts of eggs at country packing plants showed an increase instead of a decline. Carlot arrivals from the Central West continued liberal and the volume of sales again increased.

Poultry - Receipts of live poultry this week exceeded dressing plant capacity and buyers had to call a halt to deliveries from producers.

MEAT

Beef - Supplies of steer and cow beef continued more liberal. Some orders for last week were carried over for this week.

Lamb - The general bulk of lamb consists of Good and Choice, with a few odd lots of Utility and Commercial carried over.

Pork - Supplies of pork cuts continued very limited on a strong market.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Apples, grapes and watermelons are the best buys of the fresh fruits this week. Fall variety of apples are quite plentiful. Grapes are selling at ceiling or just under. The quality of watermelons is dropping off. Cantaloup supplies show a slight decrease. Casaba, Honeydews, Cranshaw and Persian melons are quite plentiful. Figs are in moderate supply and a little higher. The supply of grapefruit is quite limited. Small sized oranges are in good supply. Salways are the only variety of California peaches available, but there are Elbertas and Hales from the Northwest available. Bartlett pears have dropped off quite a bit, but later varieties are starting. There are very few plums and fresh prunes on the market.

Best buys of fresh vegetables this week are cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, spinach and tomatoes. Broccoli, celery and Brussel Sprouts are in moderate supply and moderately priced. Onions and peas are in moderate supply selling at ceiling or slightly under. Potatoes are lower. Receipts of summer squash have dropped off and prices have advanced. Sweet potatoes are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Sweet corn is a little higher.